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33. (Twice Amended) A system for ablating tissue within a body, comprising:
a guide element,
at least first, second and third contiguous electrodes carried by the guide element arranged such that the second electrode is located between the first and third electrodes,
a control device operable in a first mode in response to a first input command to simultaneously electronically couple the first, second and third electrodes to a source of tissue ablation energy such that the first, second and third electrodes simultaneously transmit ablation energy, and operable in a second mode in response to a second input command to block transmission from one of the first, second and third electrodes while simultaneously electronically coupling the other of the first, second and third electrodes to a source of tissue ablation energy such that the other of the first, second and third electrodes simultaneously transmit ablation energy, and
an indifferent electrode adapted to be located on a patient,
wherein the first, second and third electrodes [simultaneously] transmit ablation energy to the indifferent electrode.

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35. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 33, wherein [the control device is operable in a second mode to block] transmission is blocked from the first electrode [while simultaneously electronically coupling the second and third electrodes to a source of tissue ablation energy such that the second and third electrodes simultaneously transmit ablation energy] in the second mode.

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36. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 33, wherein [the control device is operable in a second mode to block] transmission is blocked from the second electrode [while simultaneously electronically coupling the first and third electrodes to a source of tissue ablation energy such that the first and third electrodes simultaneously transmit ablation energy] in the second mode.

Please add claims 41-46 as follows:

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41. A system according to claim 16, wherein the control means comprises an array of manually operable switches respectively associated with the energy transmitting electrodes in the array.

42. A system according to claim 16, wherein the control means comprises an array of manually operable on-off switches respectively associated with the energy transmitting electrodes in the array.

43. A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the controller comprises a plurality of manually operable switches respectively associated with the plurality of electrodes.

44. A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the controller comprises a plurality of manually operable on-off switches respectively associated with the plurality of electrodes.

45. A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the control device comprises at least first, second and third manually operable switches respectively associated with the first, second and third electrodes.

46. A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the control device comprises at least first, second and third manually operable on-off switches respectively associated with the first, second and third electrodes.

